

EXPENSES

Early rain  
set them back  
so strawberries are  
expensive this year

So is life  
at ninety seven

It costs old Della  
so much pain  
to sit up in bed  
and hold the carton  
of glistening fruit  
and smile at her daughter

She manages to say  
They sure are nice  
and uses every cent  
of energy  
in her pocketbook